

**No. R-378. House concurrent resolution honoring the federal TRIO programs in Vermont.**

(H.C.R.288)

Offered by: Representatives Jerman of Essex, Bancroft of Westford, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Beyor of Highgate, Branagan of Georgia, Briglin of Thetford, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Clarkson of Woodstock, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Dakin of Chester, Devereux of Mount Holly, Donovan of Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fiske of Enosburgh, Forguites of Springfield, Gage of Rutland City, Gamache of Swanton, Head of South Burlington, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Jewett of Ripton, Krowinski of Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lefebvre of Newark, Lenex of Shelburne, Long of Newfane, Macaig of Williston, Martel of Waterford, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCoy of Poultney, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Parent of St. Albans Town, Patt of Worcester, Pearce of Richford, Potter of Clarendon, Quimby of Concord, Ram of Burlington, Savage of Swanton, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Sheldon of Middlebury, Smith of New Haven, Strong of Albany, Sullivan of Burlington, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Willhoit of St. Johnsbury, Wood of Waterbury, Woodward of Johnson, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Zagar of Barnard

Whereas, promoting the academic success of students who come from families with minimal economic resources and who aspire to be the first member of their family to attend college is the laudable goal of the federal TRIO programs, and, in Vermont, these important academic preparatory programs serve students through the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation and, separately, at seven colleges: Castleton University, Community College of Vermont, Johnson State College, Lyndon State College, Southern Vermont College, the University of Vermont, and Vermont Technical College, and

Whereas, Upward Bound, the original federally financed college incentive program for disadvantaged students, was established in 1964 under the auspices of the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, and it helps secondary school students prepare for college, and

Whereas, the Talent Search program, initially authorized in the Higher Education Act of 1965, assists students early in the college admissions and financial aid process, and

Whereas, the federal Education Amendments of 1968 added the Student Support Services program that was originally known as Special Services for Disadvantaged Students, and, in the late 1960s, the term TRIO was coined to describe these three programs, and

Whereas, over the years, TRIO, through additional federal legislation or U.S. Department of Education administrative action, has been expanded to encompass a total of eight student support programs, including a veterans-specific Upward Bound program, and

Whereas, in a major change, in 2001, the Student Support Services program began offering direct grants to certain students who were already the recipients of federal financial support from the Pell Grant program, and

Whereas, students and administrators representing the federal TRIO programs in Vermont are visiting the State House today, Wednesday, March 16, 2016, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly is pleased to honor the outstanding work of the federal TRIO programs in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the TRIO programs at colleges and universities in Vermont and to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation.